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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends Claims 1 and 2.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph, is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 2 to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph.

Since Claims 1-20 are now sufficiently definite and are allowable over the prior art as indicated by the Examiner, Claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

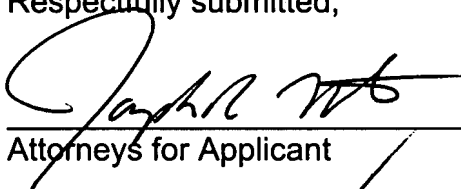
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. **50-1353**.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES

1. A surface acoustic wave device comprising:
a LiTaO_3 substrate; and
an interdigital transducer provided on the LiTaO_3 substrate, said interdigital transducer containing as a major component at least one of Au, Ag, Ta, Mo, Cu, Ni, Cr, Zn, and W; wherein
said interdigital transducer has a normalized film thickness H/λ [of at least] **within a range of** approximately **0.001 to approximately** 0.05 so as to excite a shear horizontal wave.

2. A surface acoustic wave device according to claim 1, wherein said interdigital transducer includes Au as a major component, said substrate has Euler angles of approximately $(0^\circ, 125^\circ - 146^\circ, 0^\circ \pm 5^\circ)$ [, and said normalized film thickness H/λ is within the range of approximately 0.001 to 0.05].

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